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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കുറുപ്പൻ.—അവരിൽ നല്ല സമത്വമാരേക്കാണു് ഉടനെ അപേക്ഷകൾ അയപ്പിക്കാം.

Motor service buses.

269. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

is the Government aware of the great inconvenience to which passengers are subjected by the recent order issued by the Commissioner of Police in Trichur, to the effect that all licensed motor service buses should call at the Town Police Station, both, when they leave the town, and when they return?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The Government are not aware of any such inconvenience.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will you be so good as to allow me to see my original interpellation? I suspect it is rather mutilated as it is, in the book. As it is, are the Government aware that fully loaded buses were lying in front of the Police Station before getting order to start? I ask whether the Government is not aware of the recent order issued by the Commissioner of Police in Trichur to the effect that all licensed motor service buses should call at the Town Police Station, both, when they leave the town, and when they return. I believe you are aware of the order that buses have to come to the Police Station, and they are kept on waiting at least for half an hour, and then, orders are given to start. I want to know whether the Government are aware that buses are very often kept fully loaded in front of the Police Station.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—That buses are being delayed for half an hour or more is a fact. They must start at a particular time even if they are fully loaded, and they will not be allowed to start before that time comes.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—People have to come and wait for a pretty long time. Moreover, there will be children, ladies and adults, and they are kept waiting in front of the market and Police Station for half an hour and sometimes more. It is a very crowded locality and a very undesirable one too.

President.—What are we to do, if they come early? The complaint is "we have come early; we are detained for half an hour".

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I want to know whether, as a fact, buses are generally kept there waiting long.

President.—As a matter of fact, you see there a number of people who want to get into buses, and they come there, and wait for half an hour, because the time has not arrived for departure.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I want, as a matter of fact, to know whether buses are kept waiting for half an hour.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The matter of fact is that all buses have their stand in front of the Police Station.

President.—Whether some of the buses get fully loaded, and in that loaded condition, are they detained before the Police Station for half an hour?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes. Buses are stationed near the Police Station; people come there and get into the buses before the time. Buses have their stand before the Police Station, because, if they are not made to do so, they will be knocking about the place to pick up passengers and hindering traffic.

President.—So far as your knowledge goes, have people come early like this to get into the buses, and have such buses been kept waiting in front of the Police Station for half an hour?

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I have had personal experience on that point; so I put this question.

President.—You have no knowledge?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No knowledge, Sir.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to suggest some way of avoiding taking orders from the Town Police Station? As it is, all buses have to call there. Previously, there were Head-constables at various centres, and they used to give starting time. As it is, all the licensed buses have to come to the Town Station.

President.—One thing should be put a stop to. Buses should not be allowed to perambulate and pick up passengers on the road. If there is no proper check, that would become a hindrance to traffic.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—In the original question, I have stated buses flying westwards and northwards might take time from the Cusba Station. In the case of those flying eastwards and southwards of Trichur, they might take orders from the main station, and so many buses need not be kept waiting.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The Town Station is the starting station in Trichur. The Cusba Station is not a starting station.

President.—Can the Cusba Station be made a starting station?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Oh, yes. But all the bus owners choose to be in the Trichur Town, for

passengers have to be got there. The Cusba Station is further away.

President.—So the bus owners would prefer to start from the Town Station than the Cusba Station.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—But my information is otherwise. All buses going to Kunnamkulam and Guruvayur would start from the Cusba Station, and that also would be an advantage. Further, the Cusba Station is not far from the Town. It is only two furlongs from the Town Station.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I wish to know whether there is ample space for the buses to wait before the Cusba Station.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—There is ample space.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I wish to know whether it is in the Municipal limit.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Yes, it is in the Municipal limit.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Then they could very well start from the Cusba Station instead of from the Town Station.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—The Town Police Station is close to the market, and to take loaded buses there, and to keep them waiting in front of the market, which is always crowded, appeared to me to be very, very undesirable.

President.—How many buses leave the Trichur Town every day?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I cannot tell the number. There are buses running towards Kunnamkulam, Guruvayur, Karuppadanna, Nemmara and other places.

President.—All sorts of people get into the buses, and it would be inconvenient to keep such buses waiting before the Town Station. It is only a suggestion to take it further north and keep them waiting in a less crowded place.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—All bus owners are inclined to wait in front of the Police Station, because there is an open *maidan* in front of it. It is very convenient for them to stop there, and if it is found inconvenient for men, women and children to go there and get into the buses, they need not come there, if they think it awkward for them. Buses pass by the road. They can get into them conveniently. Or they can take tickets early, and get into the buses only in time.

President.—The passengers may not be inclined to wait on the way, for the buses get crowded, and sometimes there may not be space for them to get in. It is their choice. They ought to know what is convenient for them.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—The matter might be considered favourably.

President.—What do you suggest? Would you interest yourself with the Municipality to give some place as a waiting station for these buses?

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—The Municipality has promised to put up a central shed. My point is, as far as possible, the practice of keeping loaded buses waiting before the Town Station should be avoided.

President.—If proper accommodation is available, then, some arrangement can be made. Suppose, instead of the Town Station, could we not make the Cusba Station the starting place or put up a shed in some other place, and fix that place as the starting place? Have you any objection to that?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No, Sir.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Buses flying to Guruvayur and Kunnankulam may take time from the Cusba Station, and it is not far off from the Town.

President.—It is the look-out of the bus owners, and it is not known whether they are willing.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—They are willing.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is not so. All bus contractors are in the Town, and they prefer the Town Station.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—The Cusba Station is within the Trichur Municipal limit. Buses flying to Guruvayur and Kunnankulam need not go to the central station. This arrangement may be tried.

President.—The only question to consider is whether these bus owners would like to wait at the Cusba Station to take passengers to places like Guruvayur and Kunnankulam, and I must say it is their look-out to do so.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The Town is the terminus of all the buses, and buses, after unloading their passengers, remain in the Town. If they are to wait in front of the Cusba Station, there is no space for all buses.

President.—Is there no space in front of the Cusba Station?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—All buses remain in the Town, and they prefer to wait in front of the Town Station. Those buses which do not stop in the Town do not stop here. If these buses are not made to wait in front of the Town Station, they will be moving up and down the Temple Round and hindering traffic. It is why they were asked to wait near the Town Station.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I wish to say one word with regard to this question. This question is part (1) of a series of questions which consists of four parts. These were received on 16th November 1926, and the Member was informed on 20th November 1926 that parts (2), (3) and (4) were disallowed by the President. The Member may see the file himself.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I shall send this question again.

The Vaniampara—Elanad road.

270. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—In regard to the opening up of the Vaniampara—Elanad road, will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) if it has abandoned the idea of constructing it *via* Chelakkara;

(2) if the Government has started the survey of the road *via* Palayannur;

(3) whether the route *via* Chelakkara should not be fixed upon, as such a course would open up more country, and promote trade facilities, in greater measure?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The object of the work is mainly to open up the hilly regions of Elanad. The route that appears to be the less costly is being surveyed. It would be almost in continuation of the Lakkidi road, and would extend up to Vaniampara.

(3) Taking the route *via* Chelakkara necessitates negotiating very hilly ridges. The additional advantages on account of this route may not be proportionate to the excess expenditure required. This alignment also will be investigated before final estimates are drawn up.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—In regard to the last part of the answer to this question, will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to place the estimates before the House, as soon as available?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As soon as estimates are available, and if the Government finds it necessary, I have no objection.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—The route *via* Chelakkara would be very profitable so that, if the Government will be pleased to place the estimates before they finally decide upon the route, it will be a great advantage. There is also another route *via* Vaniampara—Elanad. The original idea was to run the route *via* Chelakkara, and I now understand survey is going on by another route, *via* Vaniampara—Elanad.

President.—The Chelakkara route is *via* Palayannur.